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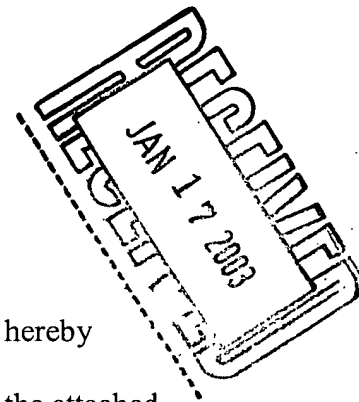
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1. Japanese Examined Patent Application Publication No. 2884338, published February 12, 1999.
2. S. Yokoyama et al., "The Mitsubishi Network Security Encryption Device, the 'MELWALL 3000 Series", Mitsubishi Electric Technical Review, October 25, 1996, Vol. 70, No. 10, pp. 66-70.



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3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 6-266671, published September 22, 1994.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 5-35679, published February 12, 1993.
5. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 8-329008, published December 13, 1996.
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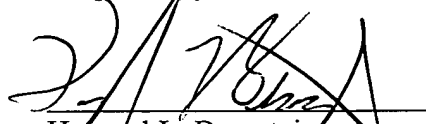
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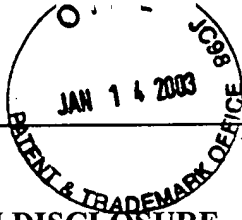
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The inventions according to Claims 1 through 13 of the subject application should not be granted a patent under the provisions of Article 29, Section 2 of the Patent Law, since they could have been easily made by persons who have common knowledge in the technical field to which the inventions pertain on the basis of the inventions described in the publications listed below, which were distributed in Japan and foreign countries prior to the filing of the subject application.

Prior Art Literature 1: Japanese Examined Patent Application Publication 2884338

Prior Art Literature 2: Yokoyama, Sachio; Aoki, Hisashi; Atozawa, Shinobu; and Okoshi, Takehiro: "The Mitsubishi Network Security Encryption Device, the 'MELWALL 3000 Series,'" Mitsubishi Electric Technical Review (*Mitsubishi Denki Gihou*), Oct. 25, 1996, Vol. 70, No. 10, pp. 66-70.

Prior Art Reference 3: Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H6-266671

Remarks

Regarding Claims 1, 4, 5 and 11

Prior Art Reference 1 describes a verification technique whereby variable password data based on the time are generated by the person desiring access and the object of access, and access by the person desiring access to the object of access is approved if the password data generated on the side of the person desiring access and the side of the object of access match, and by applying this technique to the line concentration type encryption device (corresponding to the "connection device" in the subject application), which is described in Prior Art Reference 2, and performing verification when connected with a terminal device (described as (6) verification using LAN by port verification on page 68 of this reference), the inventions according to Claims 1, 4, 5 and 11 of the subject application could be easily conceived by person skilled in the art.

Regarding Claims 2, 3, 6 through 10, 12 and 13

Prior Art Reference 3 describes a technique whereby one of a plurality of stored password candidates is selected in accordance with the "month," which is time information, and the inventions according to Claims 2 and 3 could be easily conceived by person skilled in the art by using this technique in the generation of password data described in Prior Art Reference 1.

Moreover, we do not find any aspect requiring any special technical difficulty with respect to a person skilled in the art in the use of the password generating algorithm itself as a candidate selected in accordance with the time, as described in the inventions according to Claims 8 through 10 and 13 of the subject application.

